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Dear MTACS-38 Spouses and Family Members,

I welcome you into the MTACS-38 family! Our squadron has a proud tradition of excellence as MTACS-38 Marines have participated in numerous conflicts around the globe including Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, Joint Task Force Southern Watch in Iraq, and most recently, multiple tours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. You are part of a great squadron with a short, but rich history.

My wife and I feel blessed with the opportunity to join you and your families serving our great country and Corps. We are thrilled and enthusiastic about developing a strong professional and personal relationship with each of you. Although we all have extremely busy routines, jobs, and commitments in today's fast paced world, we both feel that the family must be the most important aspect of our lives for it is the foundation of all we do and our legacy after we leave this earth. As Marine families, we are constantly faced with long hours, changing word, field training exercises, and overseas deployments. These are all challenges we face, but with a strong support system, we will get through all these "life challenges" together and come out on the other side stronger and better because of it.

The Marine Corps has established the Key Volunteer Network (KVN), which is designed to accomplish three very important functions in supporting our families. The primary purpose of the program is to establish a formal structure that can provide the official communications link between the Commanding Officer and every family in the Squadron. The secondary purpose is to ensure the dissemination of important information, announce military family service programs, and to assist in the referral of other services to families as needed. Lastly, the MTACS-38 KVN program is designed to enhance family readiness by developing camaraderie, teamwork, sharing information, and conducting occasional squadron social events designed to have fun and provide an opportunity for our families to meet each other. If you are a spouse of a Marine and would like to join the Key Volunteer Network, or if you are a family member of an MTACS Marine who wants to be included in receiving information regarding your Marine, please contact our Family Readiness Officer or our Squadron Key Volunteer Coordinator.

In closing, I am excited about our Squadron's future and the time we will have together. These are extraordinary times with many hard roads ahead for our Nation and its Corps of Marines as we struggle to make the world a safer, better place, and by doing this, make our homeland more secure. I know how hard the many deployments are on families and I've had more time away from home than I care to mention. It is not news to either my wife or I that deployments put a tremendous strain on both the Marine and the spouse, and the entire extended family of the Marine...but we also know that deployments and the many other challenges of military life are just part of life and that they can be viewed as a positive or a negative...but viewing it as a positive makes life much easier. Please know that I place tremendous value and respect on your patriotism, the sacrifices you make, and support you give to your Marine. I am proud to be a member of the MTACS-38 family and look forward to serving you and getting to know you better in the days ahead.

Semper Paratus

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